

Gold River, CA - Three of the four Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS) who live in the Sacramento area and who recently were awarded Congressional Gold Medals in Washington D.C. will be paid tribute again at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Sacramento VA Medical Center.

Within the veterans hospital there is a "Hall of Heroes" gallery where numerous veterans with ties to the area are honored with portraits and other historical items. Back on Veteran's Day in 2009, Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) had honored the four women from his Third Congressional District with a poster commemorating their service as WASPs from 1942-1944.

Because the poster has historical value, hospital officials made arrangements to hang it permanently, beginning with the ceremony Tuesday that coincides with the VA's observance of Women in Aviation Month (March). Those to be honored include Captola Johnson and Dorothy "Dot" Goot of Fair Oaks, and Barbara Kennedy of Sacramento. A Fourth WASP, Doris Ohm of Sacramento, has been unable to attend the tributes to date, but she and the other three fellow-WASPs are depicted on the poster, which Lungren is donating to the Sacramento VA Medical Center's "Hall of Heroes."

The WASPs attending will be able show off the replicas of the Gold Medals they received in Washington earlier this month. Lungren was able to attend that ceremony and later meet with the Kennedy family in his Washington D.C. office.

WHAT: Tribute/Poster Dedication to Sacramento-area WASPs, who served in the Womens Airforce Service Pilots from 1942 to 1944

WHEN: 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010

WHERE: Sacramento VA Medical Center, 10535 Hospital Way
Mather, CA 95655. Details to come about the exact room the dedication will be held in.

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Congressman Dan Lungren serves as Ranking Member on the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees